

**Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, July 10, 1791,  
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**TO JAMES MADISON MAD. MSS.**

Philadelphia July 10. 1791.

My dear Sir, —Your indisposition at the date of your last, and hearing nothing from you since, make me fear it has continued. The object of the present is merely to know how you do, & from another hand if you are not well enough. We have little now but what you will see in the public papers—you see there the swarm of *anti-publicolas*. The disavowal by a Printer only does not appear to satisfy.<sup>1</sup> We have no news yet of the event of Scott's expedition. The Marquis Fayette has certainly resumed his command & on a ground which must strengthen him & also the public cause. The subscriptions to the bank from Virginia were almost none. Pickett, McClurg, & Dr. Lee are the only names I have heard mentioned. This gives so much uneasiness to Cole H. that he thinks to propose to the President to sell some of the public shares to subscribers from Virge & N. Caroline, if any more should offer. This partiality would offend the other states without pleasing those two: for I presume they would rather the capitals of their citizens should be employed in commerce than be locked up in a strong box here: nor can sober thinkers prefer a paper medium at 13 per cent interest to gold & silver for nothing. Adieu my dear friend Yours affectionately,

1 Publicola was generally supposed to be John Adams but the printer of the *Centinel* denied this. The letters under that name were written by John Quincy Adams.

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P.S. Osgood is resigning the Postmaster's place. I shall press Paine for it.